

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 remain in this application. Claims 21-28 have been added. Support for claims 21-28 can be found throughout the specification (e.g., page 1, line 31 through page 2, line 6 and page 5, lines 11-16). Accordingly no issues of new matter are believed to be raised by the above amendments to the claims.

In response to the Office Action requesting restriction between Group I (claims 1-16), Group II (claims 17 and 19), and Group III (claims 18 and 20), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II with traverse. M.P.E.P. § 803 states that the two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions are 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Here, the Examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden if restriction were not required. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and all pending claims be examined. Applicants await an action on the merits.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for regulating the firmness of skin.
22. (New) A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for regulating the tone of skin.
23. (New) A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for regulating the texture of skin.
24. (New) A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for regulating wrinkles in skin.
25. (New) A method of claim 21, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001%, by weight, to about 20%, by weight, of said Hedychium extract.
26. (New) A method of claim 22, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001%, by weight, to about 20%, by weight, of said Hedychium extract.
27. (New) A method of claim 23, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001%, by weight, to about 20%, by weight, of said Hedychium extract.

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28. (New) A method of claim 24, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001%, by weight, to about 20%, by weight, of said Hedychium extract.